

Spruce Creek Trails Association

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Last Pot Luck of the year!



Saturday, October 29 will be our last official pot luck of the year.

Come out and enjoy the great food and friendships with the residents of Spruce Creek.

We will resume the monthly pot lucks next April 2012.

See you at the Pavilion, 6:30pm CT.



Trail Maintenance Updates

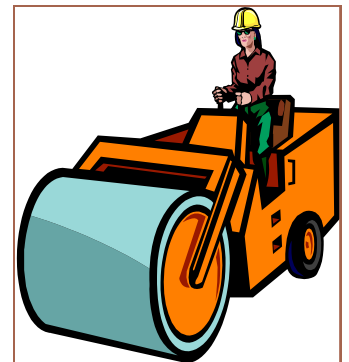
On Tuesday, October 4, 2011 members of the Spruce Creek Trails Association Board of Directors met with Wally Linder of the Park Service. This meeting was to educate us on the proper way to maintain our trails. We learned how to properly install water turn backs to help the drainage on the trails. Also, the amount of materials that the park uses on the trails was an eye-opener! Since we don't have their budget, we are going to focus on the most problematic areas first.

If you have any suggestions as to areas that need priority attention, contact any of the board members or contact Danny Hatcher or Roger Williams.

Tracy Hatcher, Sharon Vaughn, Beverly Chase and Roger Williams attended the meeting which was held at the Leatherwood Overlook trail.

Also, in the discussion stage is a new trail down to Laurel Creek for the Proctor Ridge/Darrow Ridge Trail. The old trail is hazardous and is in need of revamping.

We may be having another Spruce Creek Trails Work Day in November....further information will be sent out in an email at a later date.



A BIG thank you to all of those who volunteered their time to work on the BSF Trails Work Volunteer Program that ended on September 24, 2011: June 30th—Lindsay Cobb, Bev Chase; July 7th—Lindsay Cobb and her nephews, Brenda and Joe Goett; July 21st—Roger and Joyce Williams; July 29th—Sharon and Hal Vaughn; August 11th—Roger and Joyce Williams, Lindsay Cobb; August 25th—Alice Yates and friend; September 1st—Tommi and Ben Gurule; September 24th—Rose and Dave Duchon, Joyce and Roger Williams, Janice Brenner, Leslie Helm, Linda Brinkerhoff, Sharon Vaughn, Renee Pierce and Jim Friedlob. We apologize if we have left out any names but be assured that your work was appreciated!

Thank you for all your hard work, these are our trails and we need to do what we can to keep them safe and enjoyable for all! Happy riding!!

Fire Season is here!

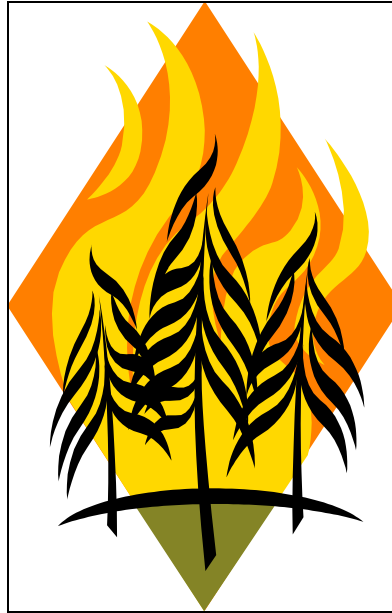


Fire season is here. Burn permits are required from October 15th through May 15th.

You can call 879-7173 or you can go online to www.burnsafetn.org to obtain a burn permit for small burns 8 ft x 8 ft or less.

We can all take preventative measures to make our homes as safe as possible.

Have a minimum of 30 feet of open space around your house.



Keep vegetation thinned out around the foundation of your home. Prune trees so that the lowest branches are 6-10 feet above the ground.

Keep roof, gutters and eaves clear of leaves and other debris. This is an on going job in our area due to the number of trees.....but the more we can do to fire-proof our homes, the safer off our community will be.

Keep several household fire extinguishers on hand!!!

Bears in the Big South Fork Recreation Area



John Mark Windle, our State Representative, District 41, along with the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency, had an open meeting on Thursday, October 6th at the Fentress County Court House. An estimated 80-90 people showed up to voice their opinions on the bear population in Fentress County, but mainly in the Big South Fork area. Most of the people in attendance were against the bears being here at all. The hunters were interested in a hunting season. Several people related their encounters with the bears. The TWRA did not have a plan in place to address any of the complaints that the citizens brought to their attention. This was basically a ‘fact finding mission’. The TWRA will be taking the information that they received at the meeting and will be reporting back to their committees. Hopefully by April of 2012 they will have a plan of action in place to help control the bear population. In the meantime, residents should learn to ‘bear-proof’ around their homes and barns. Keep hummingbird feeders above the bear’s reach, pet feed should not be left out over night, horse food should be in a container with a lid and inside a barn or storage shed. Don’t leave greasy BBQ’s setting around and most important—DON’T LEAVE YOUR TRASH LYING AROUND!!!

AIR EVAC - Horse riding accident? Car accident? Life threatening injury ?

For those of you who only vacation in Spruce Creek area and for those of us who get to live here full time, here is something that you may not know about. Air Evac Lifeteam provides rapid access to emergency medical care in the event of an accident or life threatening illness. The cost is affordable especially if your insurance doesn’t cover air emergency air flight coverage. Check it out at: www.lifeteam.net. Annual memberships start at \$50. The Company operates the world's largest fleet of more than 110 medically-equipped Bell 206 Long Ranger helicopters, along with Bell 407 helicopters. Air Evac Lifeteam also offers fixed-wing air medical services from two bases in Missouri and Kentucky. The current service area includes operations in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas and West Virginia, with the company being the largest air ambulance provider in 8 of its 15 states.

Benefits for Trail Work and for Wayne and Irene Howell

Our community comes together when someone is in need! A collection was taken up at our September pot luck for Wayne and Irene Howell. Wayne went to Memphis for surgery on his spine. Your contributions were greatly appreciated by Wayne and Irene. We are all hoping for a speedy recovery for Wayne.

Irene sent the following note: "To everyone of our neighbors, for all you have done, thank you so much. It seems so inadequate to say thank you but know you each and every one is in our prayers."

Love, Wayne and Irene

The note will be posted at the pavilion.

On Sunday, September 4, Southeast Pack Trips hosted a benefit dinner/dance for the trails that are west of the Big South Fork trail system. These are the public and private trails that we all ride and we want to keep them in great riding condition. We collected over \$2,000 which will be used for their maintenance and upkeep.



The music for the night was provided by Jeff Crouch. We were glad to have him back playing at the pavilion!

Your input is welcomed

If you have concerns about the riding trails in Spruce Creek, please contact any of the board members or send an email to sprucecreek.trailsassoc@yahoo.com.

Also, if you have any suggestions for community events/activities, we are always open to suggestions.

This is your association, member participation is important, so get involved and submit your requests!



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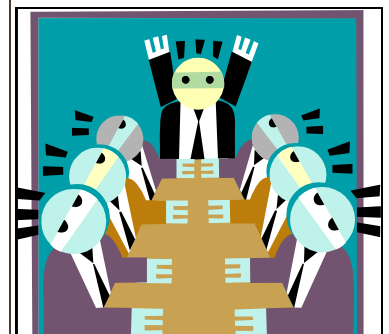
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CLASSIFIEDS

Gun Safe: Fort Knox Steel construction, color green. Can hold 12 long guns, has shelves for storage for hand guns or papers \$750



Two top of the line guns: Browning, leather case, velvet lined. Two barrels with chokes. Hand engraved \$1000.

Sears Roebuck Over/under automatic rifle, hand engraved. \$400.

Contact Judy Ashley at 879-0719 for information on the safe and the guns.

Cabin for Sale: Six year old cabin on a slab with two bedrooms, large den, gorgeous kitchen, central air and heat, corner gas fireplace with all ceramic tile floors. Stack washer/dryer and refrigerator with ice maker included. All this on 3.2 acres, fenced pasture fronting a stocked pond and boat dock. In addition, there is a workshop and 3 to 4 horse stalls with 3 roll up doors and more cleared, fenced pasture available that joins the property. There are 2 hookups for guests with water and electricity. Very Private!! This is a nice piece of property.

Contact Judy Ashley at 879-0719. All of this is across from the Big South Fork Trails.



Trailer for Sale: 1994 Sundowner gooseneck, slant load, 5 new tires, walk thru door from dressing/sleeping area to stalls, boot box, awning, electric hook up, lights & receptacles, removable rear tack, excellent condition, must see to appreciate \$12,000.00

Contact Sharron @ 865-945-2836

